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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

March 13, 1984

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10:00 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of next meetings: April 10, 1984, Tuesday
May 15, 1984, Tuesday

B. Approval of January 31, 1984 minutes of the Commission of Fine Arts.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. District of Columbia Government, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

Old Georgetown Act

1. O.G. 84-98, 3264 'M' Street, N.W., Georgetown Park Phase II, new commercial building, conceptual designs, including incorporation of Georgetown Market with connecting arcade: Report of the Georgetown Board's meeting with applicants on March 7, 1984.

2. O.G. 84-100, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Installation of satellite roof antenna on Four Seasons Hotel.

3. O.G. 84-106, 3631-3633 Canal Road, N.W., Alteration of and addition to two existing residential structures, concept design.

B. Bureau of the Mint, Department of the Treasury

CFA 13/MAR/84-1, Designs of Medal to commemorate Americans missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

III. INSPECTION

CFA 13/MAR/84-2, Inspection of work in progress, Sculpture, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, at request of the National Park Service and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-44	1201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Riggs National Bank	New ATM machine and signage

ACTION: Issue permit for replacement of existing doorway with proposed new ATM machine. Remove separate internally illuminated "Cashflow" sign and separate Riggs location map. No objection to remaining proposed or existing signs.

O.G. 84-48	3700 O Street, N.W. Georgetown University	Lighting standards

ACTION: Issue permit for 40'-0" high athletic field lighting standards. Applicant has assured that provision has been made to shield lights from surrounding area. Suggest the standards and housings be painted a "medium" gray.

O.G. 84-60	1438 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Carmen Fabrizio	Sign

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Proposed size of sign and its location obscure architectural details and would be detrimental to the building. Recommend study of a smaller sign containing business name only.

O.G. 84-65	800 & 900 30th St., N.W. Rosewood Corporation	Hotel and office complex

ACTION: See letter to Ms. Carol B. Thompson, dated February 8, 1984, and which is a part of this action.

O.G. 84-69	1054 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W. Allen Mitchell Co.	Sign

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Sign submission is proposed for application to doorway "surround" erected without a permit. Request removal of existing doorway entrancement.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-70	3006 P Street, N.W. Thomas F. Shannon	Rear addition

ACTION: No objection to concept. Drawing received and dated 3 February 1984 is sufficient to recommend "Issue Permit."

O.G. 84-71	3234 Volta Place, N.W. Allen Wendt	Kitchen addition

ACTION: Issue permit for second floor addition and alterations as shown on drawings received and dated 1 February 1984.

O.G. 84-72	1803 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. DURON Paint	Signs/landscaping

ACTION: Issue permit for proposed signs and landscaping as shown on drawing received and dated 1 February 1984.

O.G. 84-74 A	1020 33rd Street, N.W. PEPCO	Construction fence and landscaping

ACTION: Issue permit for construction fence and landscaping. Applicant has agreed to move proposed fence back +5' from property line on 33rd Street and to landscape resulting area in front of fence with pyracantha or similar shrub.

O.G. 84-74 B	3223 M Street, N.W. 3223 Incorporated	Renovation for restaurant

ACTION: Issue permit for proposed renovation to building. Submit separate application for sign having letters no more than 12 inches in height. Existing awning which was erected without permit, to be removed.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-77	1525 28th Street, N.W. Christian Herter	Swimming pool

ACTION: No objection. Not visible from public space.

O.G. 84-78	1069 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. John Stetson	Commercial renovation and sign

ACTION: Concept is approved in part. No objection to removal of shutters and lowering of window sill as proposed. All windows should be redesigned as shown on drawing. Proposed sign must be reduced in size.

O.G. 84-80	2820 O Street, N.W. Schneiderman	Renovation/alteration to existing residence

ACTION: No objection to proposed alteration of existing residence as shown on drawings received and dated 6 February 1984, provided that the side elevation in full remain unaltered. No objection to the concept of trellis screen at first floor of side elevation.

O.G. 84-81	2824 O Street, N.W. Schneiderman	New entry portico

ACTION: Restudy proposed alteration to existing entrance. No objection to concept of sidelights. Portico is too obstrusive. Recommend design utilizing existing door, fanlight and "broken" pediment.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-68	1031 31st Street, N.W. Carolle Carr	Rear addition

ACTION: Issue permit for rear addition as shown on working drawings received and dated 21 February 1984. Choice of brick type must match existing material at street facade.

O.G. 84-75	3400 Prospect Street, N.W. Prospect Associates	Garden renovation: Conceptual

ACTION: Request additional study of concept. Restudy spacing of wall piers on 34th Street and alley; unbroken, eighteen foot height is unacceptable. Retain existing line of wall on 34th Street. Study other types of screening and materials (lattice, pergola, arbor). Establish design in character with residential garden. Establish and clarify appropriate structural and roofing (if cover is required) solutions for specific spaces and their functions.

O.G. 84-84	1249 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Arif Hodzic, Arch's	Store renovation: Conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept. Alterations and addition to rear of existing structure are not visible from public space. Submit working drawings detailing street front show window (showing dimensions of framing members) window and original entrance to second floor. Submit cross section drawing through entrance.

O.G. 84-85	1803 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. DURON, Inc.	Signs and awnings

ACTION: Issue permit for awnings. No objection to placement of signs; however, recommend submission of exact lettering type for staff approval as delegated by Board.

O.G. 84-86	2721 - 2729 M Street, N.W. Corcoran School	New townhouses

ACTION: Concept for new townhouses is approved. Clarify design of gable windows; also request details of windows, entrances, decorative elements and materials.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-87 (See O.G. 80-163)	3400 Prospect Street, N.W. Prospect Associates	Permit for temporary shed

ACTION: Issue permit for temporary shed now in place on site for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from date of this application.

O.G. 84-88	3223 M Street, N.W. 3223 M Street, Inc.	Signs

ACTION: Issue permit for proposed signs as shown on drawing received and dated 16 February 1984.

O.G. 84-89	3019 M Street, N.W. Philbert Properties	Awning

ACTION: No objection to content of sign and lettering as shown in illustration received and dated 17 February 1984. Request a shed-type or roll-type awning as most appropriate design for building.

O.G. 84-91	2824 O Street, N.W. Schneiderman residence	Entrance alteration

ACTION: Proposed entrance alteration as shown on drawing received and dated 17 February 1984 is acceptable. Clarify details and resubmit working drawing for approval prior to issuance of permit.

O.G. 84-92	1641 34th Street, N.W. Temple Grassi residence	Additions & alterations to existing residence: Conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of additions and alterations. Submit working drawings with clarification of details and floor plans.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-82	1204½-1206 30th St., N.W. F.A.N., Inc.	Alteration to commercial structure

ACTION: Issue permit for renovation of ground floor of historic structure as shown on drawings received and dated 5 March 1984. Muntins for show windows shall match in section those proposed in working drawings for French doors.

O.G. 84-93	1065 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Houston's Restaurants, Inc.	Alterations to restaurant

ACTION: Issue permit for proposed alterations to facade of existing restaurant as shown on drawing received and dated 24 February 1984. Awning shall not bear lettering or advertising.

O.G. 84-94	3400 Prospect St., N.W. Prospect Associates	Temporary chain link fence

ACTION: Issue temporary permit for 7'-0" high chain link fence. Permit should expire 23 February 1985 in conjunction with permit for temporary construction shed (See O.G. 84-87).

O.G. 84-95	2800 P Street, N.W. Mary Jim Chickering	Fence replacement

ACTION: Issue permit for replacement fence as shown on drawings received and dated 5 March 1984.

O.G. 84-96	1241-1247 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Canterbury Tales LTD. Partnership	Commercial alteration & addition: Conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of alterations and renovations as shown on drawings received and dated 2 March 1984. Recommend additional study of show windows either as single sheets of plate glass or as large panes with heavy muntins in keeping with overall Victorian character of existing buildings.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-97	1055 Thomas Jefferson, St., N.W. Georgetown Inland North Corp.	Signs, doors, & ticket booths

ACTION: No objection to proposed ticket booths and doors. Restudy "coming attractions" displays utilizing the full area of the existing show windows with greater emphasis on color and light. Proposed design of vertical signs is inappropriate. Suggest a banner or flag to establish visibility of theatre entrance from M & K Streets. Study should be given to a permanent solution establishing identity of theatre entrance through carefully designed illumination. Request submission of revised studies for CFA review prior to issuance of permit for work other than ticket booth and door modifications.

O.G. 84-101	3410 Reservoir Road, N.W. Timothy L. Towell	Residential renovation

ACTION: Issue permit for renovations and addition to existing residence as shown on drawings received and dated 2 March 1984. Changes in red pencil to proposed porch are to be incorporated in final design.

O.G. 84-102	1334 29th Street, N.W. Mount Zion United Methodist Church	Handicapped access ramp

ACTION: Issue permit for renovation work, fences, landscaping and handicapped ramp. Replace baluster portion of proposed ramp railing with single horizontal bar.

O.G. 84-103	3414 Volta Place, N.W. Thrasher Investment Partnership	Retaining wall & fence

ACTION: Do not issue permit. No objection to design of proposed retaining wall and railing. Location is not approved because a projection into public space at this location would have an inappropriate visual effect on the streetscape.

O.G. 84-104	1561 35th Street, N.W. Steven F. & Barbara Bollenbach	Second floor addition: Conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of two story, copper-clad, second floor addition overlooking side garden to house. Either one of the two designs presented in drawings received and dated 2 March 1984 are acceptable. However, the hipped roof design seems more practical and harmonious with the existing structure. Recommend a careful study of details, especially the cutting, molding, installation, and patinazation of the copper sheathing.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 84-105	3254 O Street, N.W. Dr. William Crocker	Porch enclosure & renovation

ACTION: Issue permit for alterations as shown on working drawings received and dated 2 March 1984.

O.G. 84-107	1069 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Vicki Bagley & Debbie Doyle Realty	Commercial renovation

ACTION: Issue permit for alterations as shown on drawings received and dated 5 March 1984. Recommend a more subdued color scheme than presently exists. Note: do not issue permit for proposed projecting sign. Resubmit for separate sign permit. Outer edge of sign shall project no more than 3'-0" from face of building and shall be hung from a bracket such that the top edge of the sign aligns with the top of the first floor window.

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April 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Secretary
Commission of Fine Arts

SUBJ: Informal meeting, 13 March 1984.

The meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts scheduled for 13 March 1984 was canceled because of the lack of a quorum. However, the Chairman, Mrs. Myers, and Mr. Netsch met informally with the staff to discuss upcoming projects and then with the exception of the Chairman, went to Georgetown to inspect several sites.

Mr. John Jessup from the National Park Service gave a briefing on the status of Park Service discussions with the developers of Georgetown Park and the Rosewood Hotel project. In regard to the proposed extension of Georgetown Park to the old Market House, Mr. Jessup said the Park Service had agreed that Warehouse Alley (to the west of the Market) could be closed, but he said there had been no discussion of the closing of the section of Potomac Street that runs along the east side of the Market. He then reported that the Park Service had turned down the developer's proposal for the Rosewood Hotel site; he said his agency had requested a lower building to the south (the hotel) and a wider setback from Rock Creek.

The members also looked at designs for a medal to commemorate Americans missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. Because of time limitations, the Mint had asked for a conceptual review of this medal. Those present had no objection to the design of the obverse but made some suggestions for a different lettering style on the reverse. The medal will be on the agenda of the April meeting.

Charles H. Atherton

REPORT FROM THE GEORGETOWN BOARD TO THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

The three members of the Commission of Fine Arts Board of Architectural Consultants met on March 7, 1984, on a lengthy agenda and are forwarding written comments to the Commission of Fine Arts for its meeting on March 13, 1984, in appendix form. In addition, the Board herewith submits the following recommendations for consideration by the Commission. Among those present during the Board's meeting were Ms. Andrea Adams, representing the District of Columbia Government, Mr. William Cochran, AIA, representing the Georgetown ANC and the Citizens Association of Georgetown, and the applicants. Messrs. Atherton, Myer and Carson were present from the Commission Staff.

O.G. 84-98, 3264 M Street, N.W., Phase II, Georgetown Park, New Commercial Building, (Note: project would connect to existing Georgetown Park retail space at Wisconsin and M as well as the historic Georgetown Market.)

Board Recommendations: Concept approval should be withheld pending additional study. Construction over Warehouse Place, to the west of the existing Georgetown Park structure, and over Potomac Street (Market Place East), to the east of the Georgetown Market is not recommended because it would have an adverse impact on the context of the historic market and the open air public access right-of-way so valuable to the Georgetown streetscape. This access is not only historically significant but visually important as well. In the case of the Potomac Street right-of-way, it represents a continuous vista across the C&O Canal to the Potomac River from M Street. The Georgetown Market is architectually and historically a free-standing building of special character and unique importance. The Board has no objection to altering the vehicular access to either right-of-way, nor making Potomac Street to the east of the Market a pedestrian enclave or muse. It would be especially appropriate to tie in such an amenity with a small plaza connecting the Old Georgetown Market with Fish Market Square via the existing bridge spanning the C&O Canal. (Prior to construction of the C&O Canal in the first half of the 19th century, the two market areas existed as one unit)*

The Board approves the general architectural character of the proposed building between Potomac Street and Warehouse Place for design development with the suggestion that further study include "returns" on both the east and west ends of the attic facades and roof facing M Street.

*U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and The Historic American Buildings Survey. Georgetown Architecture, The Waterfront. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1968.

*U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service. Georgetown Historic Waterfront. Washington: Goevernment Printing Office, 1968.

The Commission Staff has informally asked the District of Columbia Government's Department of Transportation and Planning Office for any studies they may have concerning traffic or planning which could have an impact on the appearance of the project. After the Commission's review, specific, formal requests may be desirable. Preliminary coordination has also been instigated with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, (which will review the project because the Market is an individually designated landmark, and because it is a public building), and the National Park Service, (which will review the project because it is adjacent to the C&O Canal National Historical Park). The President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown and the Chairman of the Georgetown ANC have also been notified of the Commission's forthcoming action on the project.

O.G. 84-100, 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Four Seasons Hotel, proposed satellite roof antenna.

Board Recommendation: Approval of this specific installation is recommended on the basis of the scale of the building involved, the location on the building and the presentation materials which justify as negligible the potential visibility of the antenna. The location on the roof of the Four Seasons Hotel is screened by a parapet wall, and the proposed location to the rear of the building minimizes visibility. Note is made of the possibility of painting the back of the antenna a neutral color, to further minimize visibility from Pennsylvania Avenue and Rock Creek Park to the north and the east. The large flat roofed building seems to minimize the appearance of the antenna, whereas a smaller building, or a building with a gable roof could be seriously impacted by this type of installation.

The Board notes that the presentation materials were an accurate representation of the exact proposed location and its visibility from various vantage points. Any future requests for this type of installation should have similar presentation materials. The Board also recommends that this approval, if granted, not be considered a matter-of-right precedent for random installations in the historic district. Each future proposal should be very carefully considered, and if there seems to be a potential adverse visual impact, permission should be denied.

O.G. 84-106, 3631-3633 Canal Road, N.W., concept for proposed alteration of two existing structures and a substantial residential addition to them.

Board Recommendation: Approval of concept for the design subject to design development, approval of material samples and final details concerning the integration of the existing structures into project. Board further notes a strong preference for this design over previously approved scheme.